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TAGS: SREF(PHAM THI TU TRANG)
SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE: PHAM THI TU TRANG

REF: YOUR LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1977 CONCERNING PHAM THI
TU TRANG

1. PHAM THI TU TRANG ARRIVED IN PHILIPPINES ON AUGUST 28, 1976,
ABOARD TRAWLER AND WAS PLACED IN JOSE FABELLA CENTER WITH OTHER
REFUGEES. WHEN APPLYING FOR REFUGEE STATUS, SHE INDICATED SHE
HAD A SISTER, PHAM THI NGUYEN, IN U.S. BUT DID NOT KNOW WHERE-
ABOUTS. ON THIS BASIS, EMBASSY FORWARDED CASE TO DEPARTMENT ON
SEPTEMBER 21. SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE WOULD INDICATE, HOWEVER,
THAT ONLY KNOWN RELATIVE IN U.S. IS TA QUANG TU, HER UNCLE.
WHEREAS REPORTED SIBLING RELATIONSHIP (PENDING VERIFICATION) WAS
SUFFICIENT TO INITIATE PROCESSING OF PHAM THI TU TRANG'S
APPLICATION, HER RELATIONSHIP TO UNCLE FAILS TO MEET CRITERIA.
STATEMENT THAT MOTHER OF PHAM THI TU TRANG WAS EMPLOYEE OF
U.S. GOVERNMENT IN VIETNAM ALSO FAILS TO MEET CRITERIA.

2. SINCE THE CASE WAS INITIATED IN SEPTEMBER, THE REMAINING
NUMBERS UNDER THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM HAVE BEEN
COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO PROGRAM FOR MOVING
REFUGEES IN OPERATION AT PRESENT TIME, PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS
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HAVE BEEN MADE TO ALLEVIATE PLIGHT OF BOAT CASE REFUGEES. BASED
ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION RELATING TO PHAM THI TU TRANG, HOWEVER,
SHE DOES NOT APPEAR TO MEET CRITERIA UNDER PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT.

3. CONSIDERING PHAM THI TU TRANG UNDER NORMAL IMMIGRANT VISA
CRITERIA ALSO POSES PROBLEMS. SHE HAS NO IMMEDIATE RELATIVE
IN US WHO MAY FILE A PETITION ON HER BEHALF. (AN UNCLE/NIECE

RELATIONSHIP IS NOT PETITIONABLE.) ONLY REMAINING POSSIBILITY
IS FOR HER TO SECURE A JOB OFFER APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND APPLY UNDER 6TH PREFERENCE.
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